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## **Point Cabrillo Light Station and Preserve Celebrates 96th Birthday with Tours, Cake and Book Signing June 10 - 12**

MENDOCINO - The public is invited to join the Point Cabrillo Lightkeepers Association (PCLK) at the Point Cabrillo Light Station June 10 -12 for a weekend of activities to celebrate the 96th Birthday of the illumination of the lighthouse. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will offer tours of the lantern room and James Dalessandro will autograph copies of his book "1906."

On June 10, 1909, the first head lightkeeper, Wilhelm Baumgarten, invited his neighbors from nearby Pine Grove to a midnight lighting ceremony to illuminate for the first time the Third Order Fresnel Lens in the light tower at Point Cabrillo Light Station. This first celebration came almost a year after construction began. After the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, the demand for lumber to rebuild San Francisco, and the increase of maritime commerce on the north coast the U.S. Lighthouse Service under the Department of Commerce contracted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Lindgren Company of San Francisco to build the Light Station at Point Cabrillo.

On **Friday, June 10, 7 p.m.**, visitors are invited to enjoy an evening under the Third Order Fresnel Lens with birthday cake and champagne while listening to a special presentation about the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and book signing by guest author James Dalessandro. The \$5 donation at the door will be credited to a hardback copy purchase of James Dalessandro's novel "1906." Seating will be limited. Please call for reservations: (707) 937-6120.

On **Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**, visitors can take a 30-minute tour of the 1909 Lighthouse Third Order Lens through the tower, lantern room, and out on the gantry. This unique opportunity is only offered four times a year by the local USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 87 in conjunction with PCLK. No one under 12 years of age is permitted on tour, which is \$15 per person donation. Reservations are requested: (707) 937-6120. The Lighthouse Museum and Gift Shop, as well as the Lightkeepers Home and Museum will be open from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

On **Sunday, June 12, 11 a.m.**, visitors will meet at the Farmhouse Visitors Center for a guided walking tour of Point Cabrillo Light Station and Nature Preserve. The Lighthouse Museum and Gift Shop as well as the Lightkeepers Home and Museum will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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